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AND DEVICE

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated April 26, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.